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SUBJECT: IVORY COAST SUGAR COMPLEX:

VISIT OF HAWAIIAN AGRONOMICS AND PROCON

REF: ABIDJAN 4622

1. NEW PRESIDENT OF HAWAIIAN AGRONOMICS (HA), WILLIAM CASE, AND PRESIDENT OF PROCON, LAWRENCE MCQUADE, VISITED IVORY COAST JUNE 16-19 TO DISCUSS WITH GOIC OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, PROSPECTS FOR HA TO OBTAIN CONTRACT FOR FOURTH IVORY COAST SUGAR COMPLEX, UTILIZING PROCON FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION.

2. DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, HE REVERSED POSITION NOTED IN PARA 1 REFTEL AND TOLD HA/PROCON REPS THAT IF HA WANTED TO UTILIZE PROCON IN IVORY COAST, GOIC WOULD INTERPOSE NO OBJECTION.

3. HA HAS NOW COMPLETED A SITE SURVEY WHICH THEY PLAN TO SUBMIT WITH CERTAIN RESERVATIONS CONCERNING WATER MANAGEMENT. THE NEXT PHASE IS A FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH WOULD TAKE FIVE MONTHS. THE COMBINED SITE SURVEY/FEASIBILITY STUDY IS A CONTRACT WORTH \$280,000 WHICH HAS NOT AS YET BEEN SIGNED. THE ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE FOR A SUGAR PROJECT WOULD BE THREE TO FOUR YEARS, AND WOULD REQUIRE PRIOR STUDY BY GOIC OF WATER SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS.

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